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1. USAF SURVEY TEAM VISITED KENYA FROM JUNE 13-25, 1975
FOR PURPOSE OF EVALUATING CAPABILITY AND REQUIREMENTS OF
KENYAN AIR FORCE (KAF) TO OPERATE F-5A/B AIRCRAFT. UPON
COMPLETION OF SURVEY, ELEVEN MAN TEAM, HEADED BY COL. D.
WHITAKER FROM HEADQUARTERS USAF, PRODUCED 87 PAGE REPORT,
COPIES OF WHICH WERE GIVEN TO TOP OFFICIALS IN MOD AND
KAF. AT PRESENT KENYANS ARE STUDYING REPORT PRIOR TO
DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO ATTEMPT TO PROCURE THIS AIRCRAFT.

2. WHATEVER THE KENYAN DECISION, VISIT OF SURVEY TEAM AND THEIR REPORT HAVE BEEN, AS MOD PERM SEC KIEREINI SAID, QTE OF IMMENSE VALUE TO KENYAN GOVERNMENT UNQTE. CONFIDENTIAL

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OBVIOUS COMPETENCEOF TEAM AND DEDICATION TO SEE THEIR

MISSION WELL AND THOROUGHLY COMPLETED REFLECT ADMIRABLY ON USAF AND USG. KENYAN COUNTERPARTS WERE ALSO IMPRESSED BY OBVIOUS DESIRE ON PART OF TEAM TO BE HELPFUL IN PREPARING GROUNDWORK FOR MODERNIZATION OF KAF. THESE QUALITIES ENABLED TEAM MEMBERS TO DEVELOP RAPPORT WITH KAF PERSONNEL WHICH LED TO FREE AND FRANK DISCUSSION AND EVALUATION. I BELIEVE VISIT OF THIS EXTRAORDINARILY EFFICIENT AND PRODUCTIVE TEAM HAS DEMONSTRATED TO KENYANS OUR WILLINGNESS TO BE RESPONSIVE AND HAS STRENGTHENED ALREADY BRIGHT IMAGE OF USAF. I COMMEND COL. WHITAKER'S SURVEY TEAM FOR A JOB VERY WELL DONE.

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